

REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 13-16, and 43-46 are pending. Claims 5-12 and 17-42 have been previously canceled. Claims 1, 13, 43, and 44 have been amended. Claims 45 and 46 are new. No new matter has been introduced. Reexamination and reconsideration of the present application are respectfully requested.

In the November 12, 2008 Office Action, the Examiner withdrew the indicated allowability of claims 1-4, 13-16, 43, and 44. The Examiner rejected claims 1-4, 13-16, 43, and 44 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claims the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claims 1, 13, 43, and 44 have been amended to address the Examiner's rejection. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1, 13, 43, and 44 are now in condition for allowance.

Claims 2-4 and 14-16 depend from amended independent claims 1 and 13, respectively. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 2-4 and 14-16 are in condition for allowance for the same reasons that independent claims 1 and 13, as amended, are in condition for allowance.

New claims 45 and 46 include limitations similar to independent claims 1, 13, 43, and 44, as amended. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 45 and 46 are in condition for allowance.

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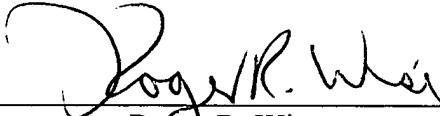
If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at the Los Angeles, California telephone number (213) 488-7100 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance should the Examiner believe that such a telephone conference call would advance prosecution of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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